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TO: Chiefs D/I, D/A, D/S, St/I

FROM: [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT: List of Requirements on Subjects for which I am Responsible

[REDACTED] 25X1A6a

1. Attached is an up-to-date (as of mid-August 1958) listing of official and unofficial requirements on the subjects for which I am responsible here in [REDACTED]. Basically the lists are the same as the ones I passed to the concerned commodity branches during my recent visit to Washington. In the guided missile field, however, there have been a number of new requirements added.

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2. I would like to point out again that [REDACTED] is as aware of the unofficial requirements (those with no status in the [REDACTED]) as the 25X1A6a official ones - and you will see that the unofficial list is much longer than the official one. In every case possible I attempt to read the unofficial requirements back into the official ones and service them simultaneously as an integral part of the relevant ID or IG. This is not always possible and an official requirement is much better. In this respect it should be understood that

25X1A6a [REDACTED] has no direct control over the dissemination of requirements or the 25X1A6a collection of info against requirements. This falls within the duties of [REDACTED]

25X1A6a Reports Officer [REDACTED]. Instead, our duties could be considered staff since we receive only info copies of official requirements from [REDACTED]. Officially we enter the requirements picture only when asked by [REDACTED] or others directly involved to give interpretations or expansions of requirements. Only on occasion are we asked to participate directly in the briefings or debriefings. This does not prevent us, however, from continually checking with 25X1A6a persons directly involved in the collection effort and giving voluntary interpretations or expansions of requirements. This is the point where I attempt to interject the RD-Cs into the official requirements, and, in the same fashion, I try to use the follow-thru questions asked by headquarters analysts when they make an evaluation of a specific report.

3. The attached list of requirements should reveal to some branches the necessity for additional field requirements on their subjects. For example, the collection of information on shipbuilding, electronics equipment, and communications systems would be more effective and far more simple if there were official field requirements covering their specific interests and gaps more thoroughly.

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4. Since [REDACTED] does not receive notification regarding cancellation or non-acceptance of RD-Cs, it would be advantageous for me to receive comments from St/I/R on the current status of each RD-C on the attached list, i.e., whether it has been accepted, rejected, cancelled, etc. I could then bring my list even more

up-to-date and better serve the needs of headquarters analysts.

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25X1A9a [REDACTED] who recently returned to headquarters after heading the economic section of [REDACTED] Staff for 2½ years is also well qualified to discuss the problem of requirements in [REDACTED]

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